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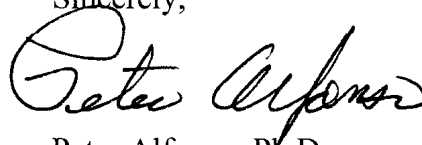
August 30, 2006

The Honorable Tom Coburn, MD
Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
Government Information, and International Security
United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
439 Hart Senate Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Coburn:

I write in response to your letter of July 27, 2006 addressed to Dr. Charles E. Kupchella, the President of the University of North Dakota, where you request information on federal appropriations to the University. President Kupchella asked that I communicate directly with you and to indicate that the University will need more time to gather the data that you request. In the meantime, please know that the University's research enterprise has more than doubled in the past seven years primarily through support provided by federal grants and contracts, and that we have filed all of the appropriate reports with those federal agencies that fund research at the University of North Dakota. As you know, these reports are public record and accessible.

Sincerely,



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Cc: President Charles E. Kupchella